



# **General Plan Update**

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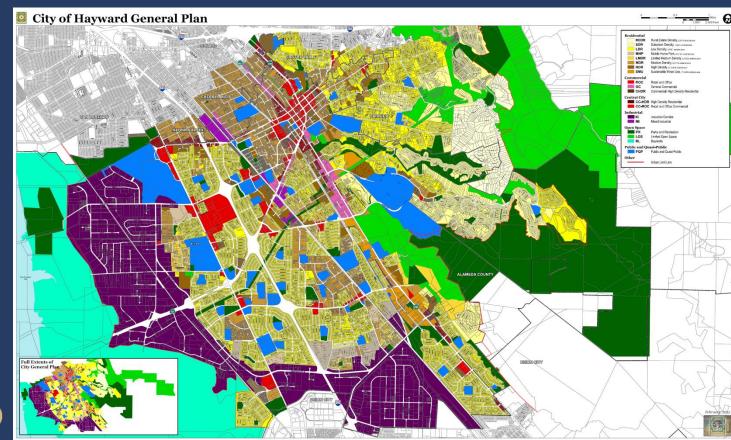
# **Outline**

- 1. What is a General Plan?
- 2. Why does it need to be updated?
- 3. How will it be updated?
- 4. Fiscal Impact
- 5. Timeline
- 6. Next Steps



# What is a General Plan?

- City's long-range policy document
- California Supreme Court has called the general plan the "constitution for future development."



HAYWARD

## Purpose of a general plan is to:

- Identify the community's goals and policies as they relate to land use and development.
- Provide a basis for local government decision-making.
- Provide citizens with opportunities to participate in the planning processes.
- Inform citizens, developers, and decision-makers, of the ground rules that guide development.



#### **Required Elements**

- 1. Land Use
- 2. Circulation
- 3. Housing
- 4. Conservation
- 5. Open Space
- 6. Noise
- 7. Safety

### **Current General Plan Chapters**

- 1. Land Use
- 2. Circulation
- 3. Housing
- 4. Economic Development
- 5. Community Facilities & Amenities
- 5. Conservation & Environmental Protection
- 7. Public Utilities and Services



# Hayward's General Plan

- First adopted in 1953
- Updated in 1965, 1974, 1986
- Circulation Element updated in 1998
- Comprehensive Update completed in 2002

#### CITY OF HAYWARD



**GENERAL PLAN** 



# Why Update the General Plan?

Generally accepted practice is to update a General Plan every 10 to 15 years.

Cities shall periodically review, and revise, as necessary, the general plan.

- California Government Code Sec. 65103(a)



# Policies need to be updated to align City's current vision and priorities:

- Safe, Clean & Green
  - Complete Streets
  - Historic Preservation
  - Public Health
  - Climate Action Plan policies
  - General Plan may be considered a "qualified GHG reduction strategy" according to Air District regulations



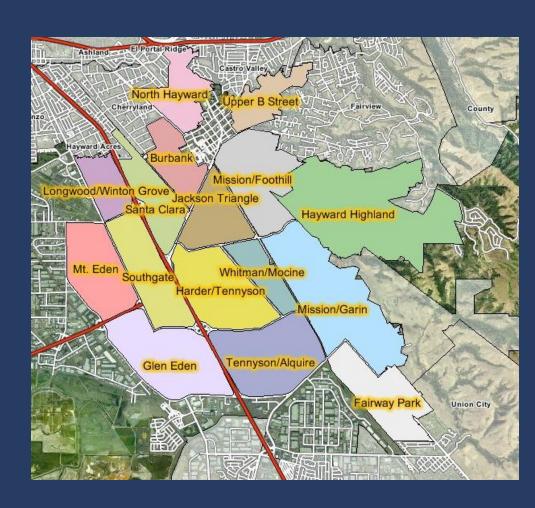
# How will the General Plan be Updated?

- Visioning (neighborhood meetings)
- Develop list of issues
- Background reports
- Form working group
- Draft goals and policies
- Develop alternatives
- Second round of neighborhood meetings
- Prepare draft General Plan
- Community meetings to present draft General Plan
- Prepare EIR
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- Adopt EIR and General Plan



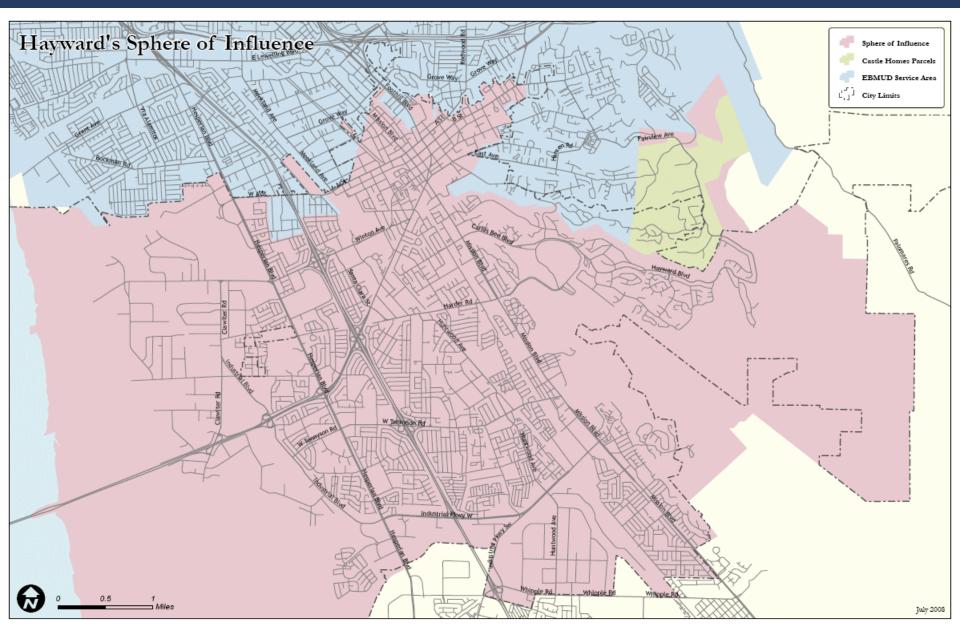
### Issues to be Addressed:

- Neighborhoods
- Sustainability
- City Boundaries
- Historic Preservation
- Health
- Circulation
- Hazards
- Air Quality





# **Hayward's Sphere of Influence**





# **Organization of General Plan**

### **Current General Plan Chapters**

- 1. Land Use
- 2. Circulation
- 3. Housing
- 4. Economic Development
- 5. Community Facilities & Amenities

**Conservation & Environmental** 

- Protection
- 7. Public Utilities and Services

## <u>City Council Priorities</u>

- 1. Safe
- 2. Clean
- 3. Green
- 4. Organizational Health
- 5. Land Use
- 6. Fiscal Stability



# Organization – Examples of other General Plans





**POLICY PLAN** VISION GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES IMPLEMENTATION TRACKING & FEEDBACK Land Use Parks & Rec Housing **Environmental** Community Safety Mobility Community Social Design Resources Economics Resources

#### Policy Plan

Only areas with a white background are considered part of the General Plan.

#### The Ontario Plan

Ontario Plan Framework

Website Outline

Surveys

**Environmental Impact Report** 

Glossary of Terms

Approvals & Amendments

#### Other Internal Links

City of Ontario Website

Planning Department

Municipal Utilities

Budget and Finance

Community Services

Police Department

Fire Department

**Building Department** 



Euclid Avenue from Historic Downtown looking north to San Gabriel Mountains.

The Policy Plan states long-term goals, principles and policies for achieving Ontario's Vision. It guides growth and development to

#### POLICY PLAN NEWS

#### Ontario Plan Wins Top Compass Blueprint Award

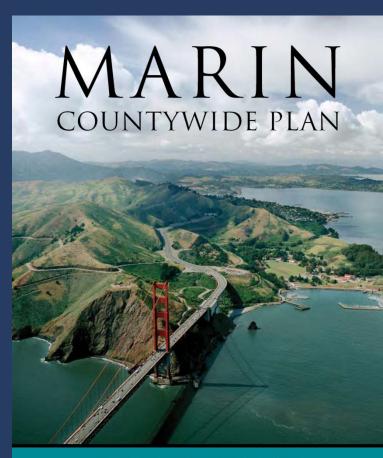


# THE FOURTH ANNUAL COMPASS BLUEPRINT RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Ontario Plan received the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) President's Award for Excellence for Visionary Planning The Compass Bluenrint

# Marin Countywide Plan has only three chapters:

- Natural Systems and Agriculture Element
- 2. Built Environment Element
- 3. Socioeconomic Element



# **City Council Review**

#### Comments from March 20, 2012 Work Session:

- complete for less than staff's estimate of \$2.8 million
- complete more quickly than 3.5 years
- need to reach out to the community and include people who do not regularly attend public meetings;
- General Plan should be organized around Council's priorities;
- social equity issues should be incorporated into General Plan;
- new General Plan should be available in an electronic format;
- implementation plan is needed; and
- need to engage youth and schools in the process.



# Timeline & Next Steps

Fiscal Year	Timeframe	Action/Task
FY 12	June 19, 2012	Council Adopts Budget and Capital Improvement Program
	Early Summer, 2012	Council Adopts Resolution Authorizing General Plan Update
FY 13	July 2012	Issue Request for Proposals
	September 2012	Execute Contract with Consultant
	October 2012	Kick-off Project and First Community Meeting
	December 2012	Formulate/Present Vision and Identification of Issues
	Jan. – March 2013	Draft Goals, Policies, Alternatives
	June 2013	Select Preferred Alternative
FY 14	July – October 2013	Draft General Plan
	Oct. 2013 – Jan. 2014	Prepare Draft EIR and Fiscal Impact Analysis
	March – April 2014	Prepare Final EIR
	June 2014	Certify EIR and Adopt New General Plan







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